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- (54) **DUAL DOUBLE BALLOON CATHETER**
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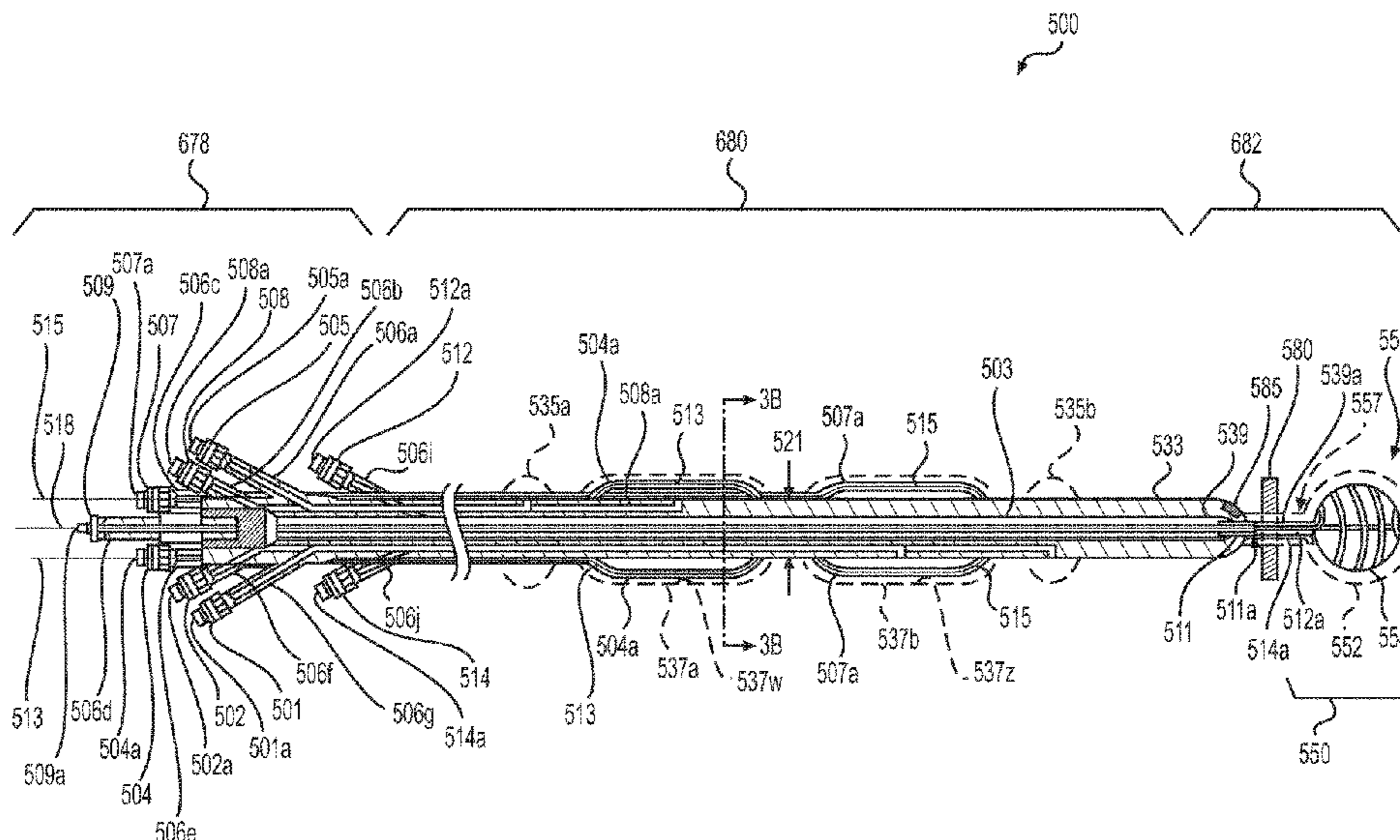
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A dual double balloon catheter includes a catheter having a proximal end portion, a central portion and a distal end portion, and a secondary treatment balloon for a catheter. The catheter includes a plurality of lumens within the catheter extending from the proximal end portion, a plurality of inflatable balloons positioned in the central portion and a secondary treatment balloon communicatively associated with the distal end portion of the catheter, and the balloons and the secondary treatment balloon being communicatively connected with a corresponding one of the plurality of lumens to selectively inflate/deflate the corresponding inflatable balloon or to receive a radioactive dose or a therapeutic agent for a treatment.

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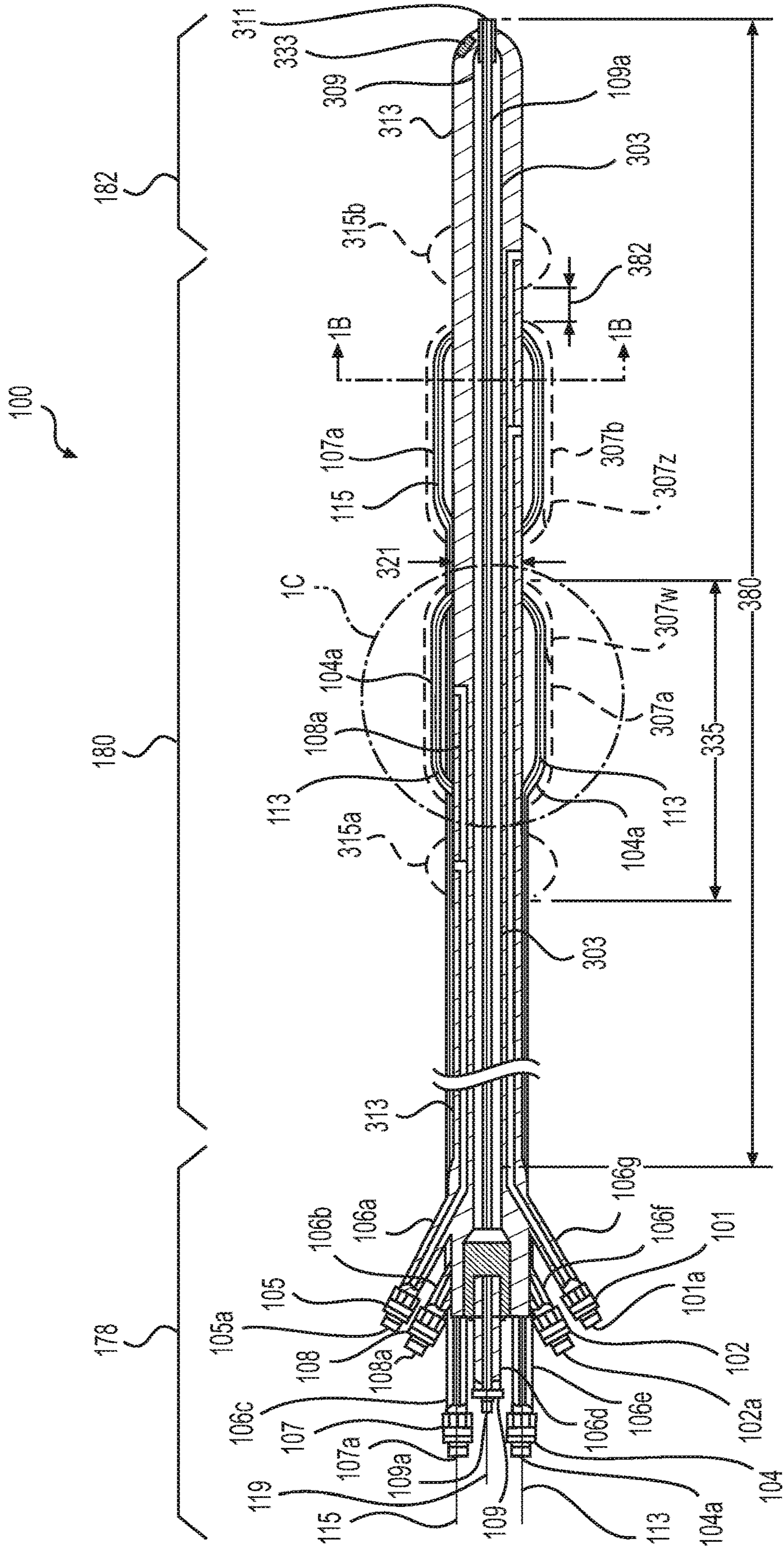
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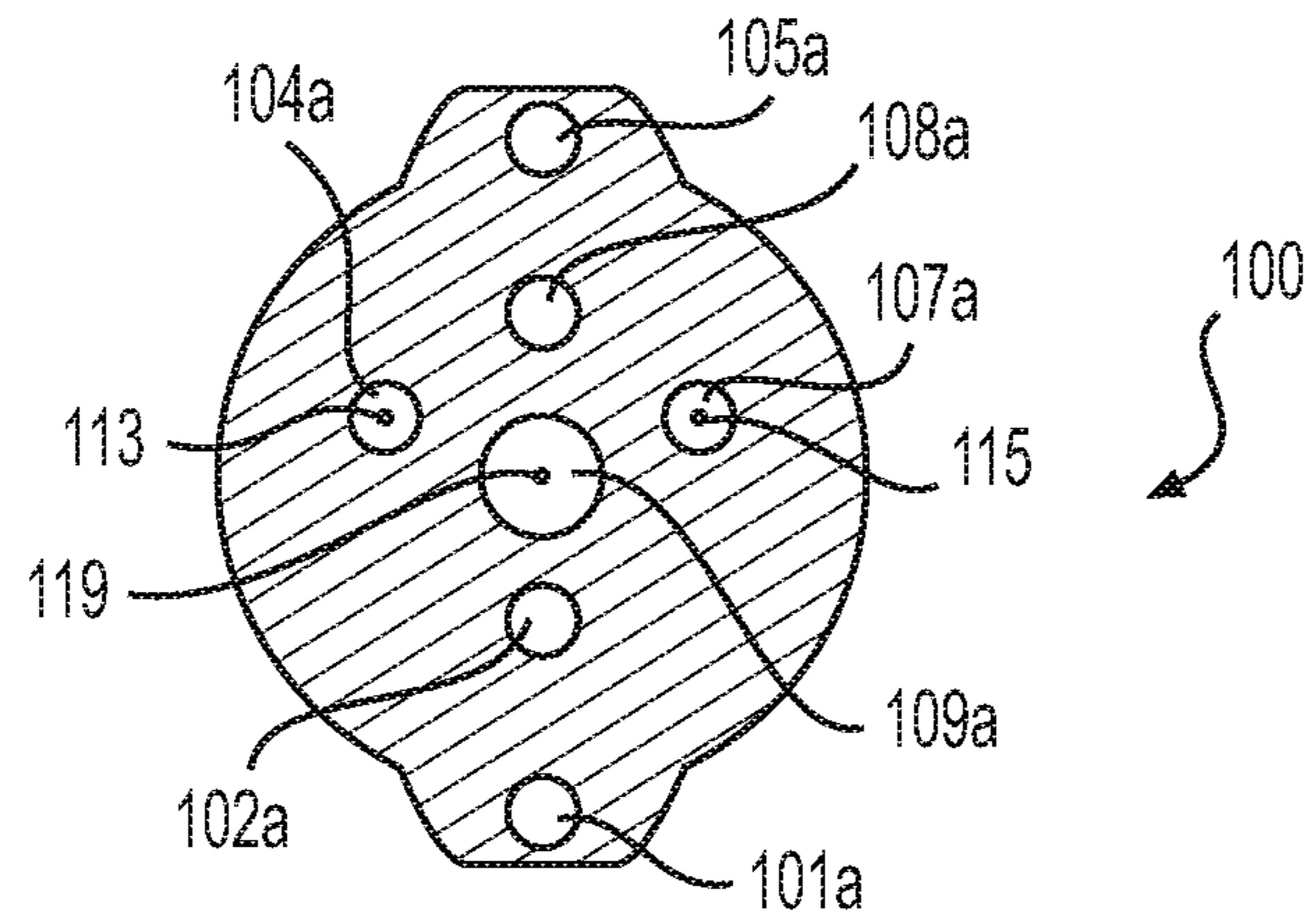
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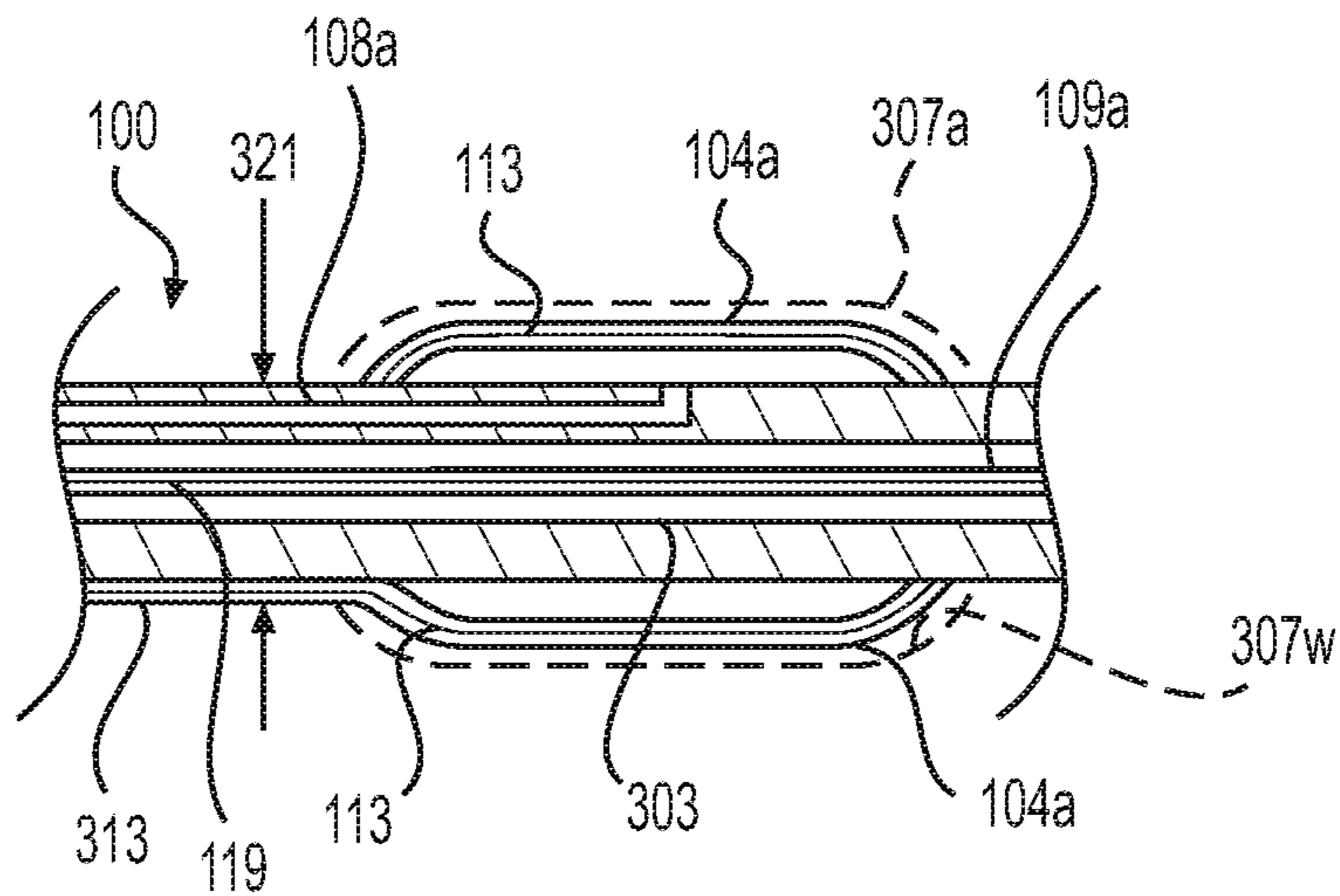
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**FIG. 1A**



**FIG. 1B**



**FIG. 1C**

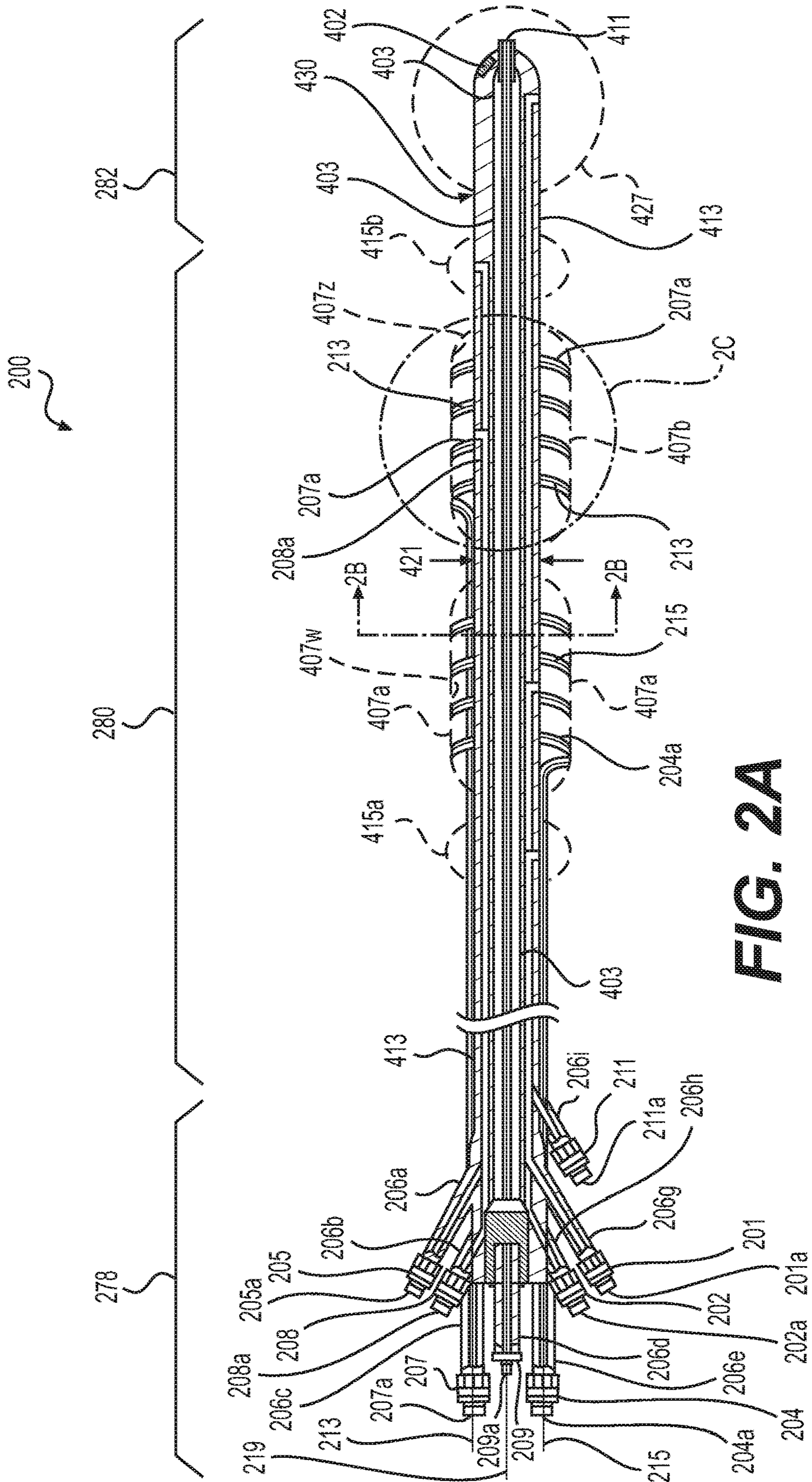
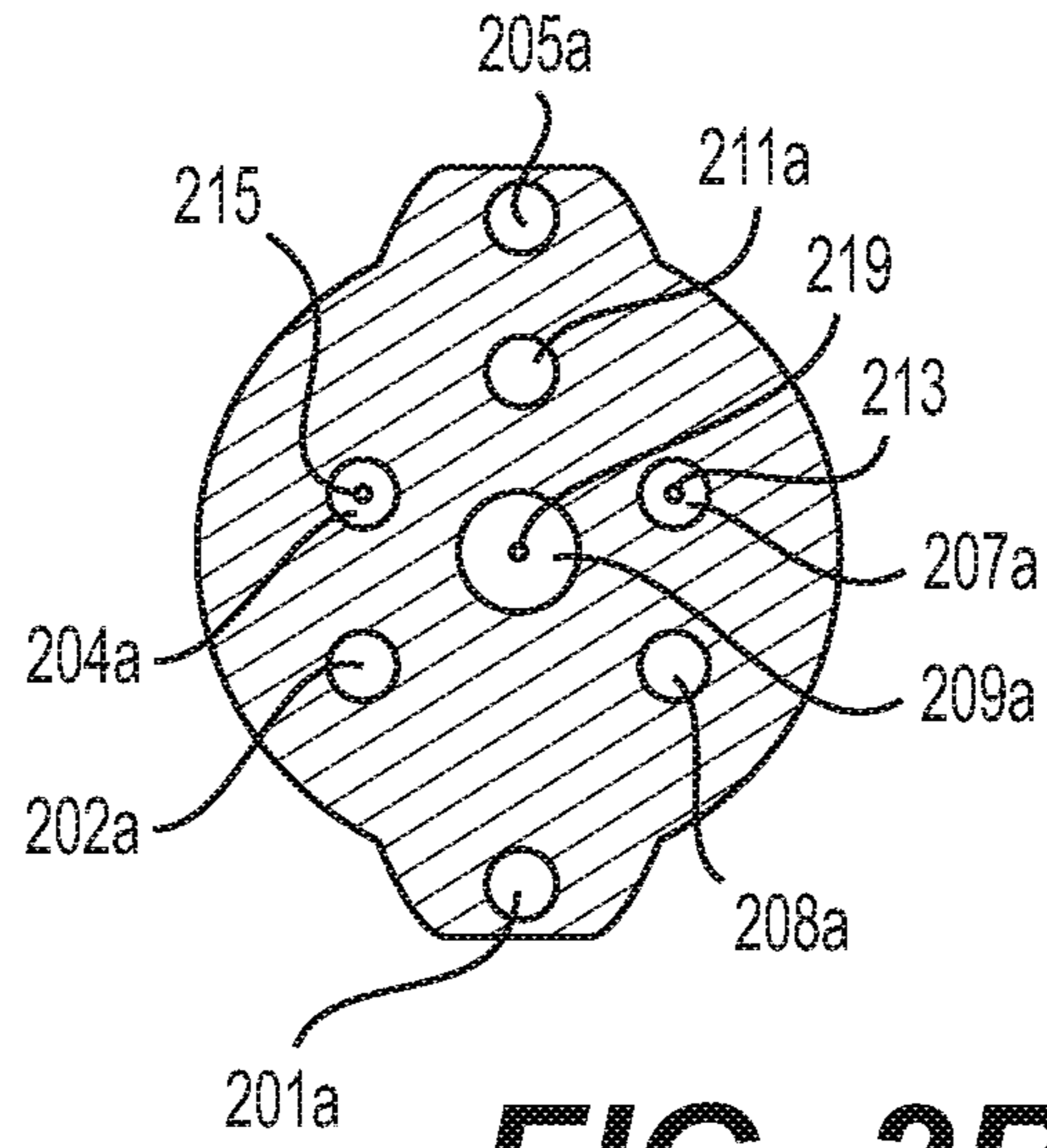
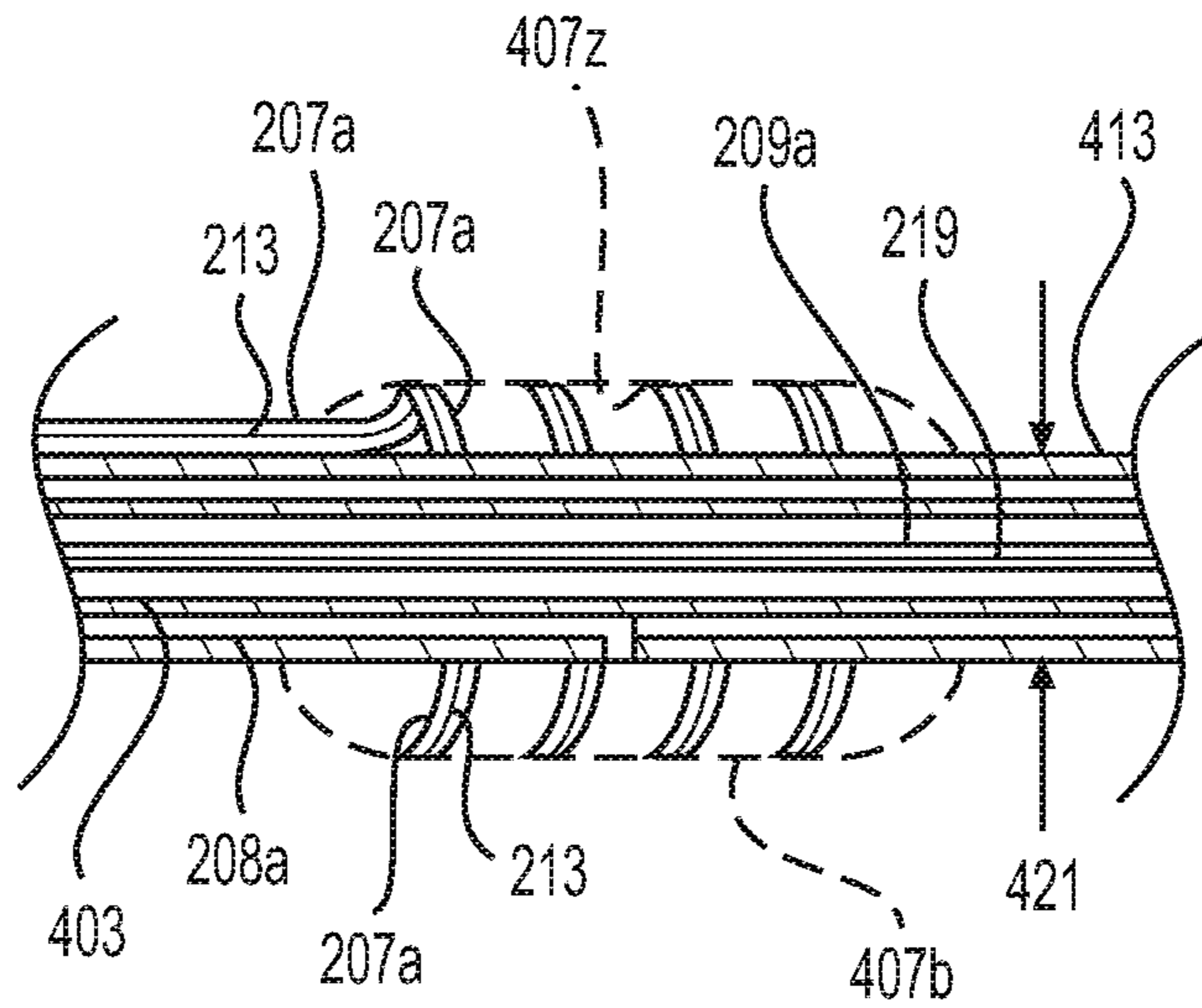


FIG. 2A



**FIG. 2B**



**FIG. 2C**

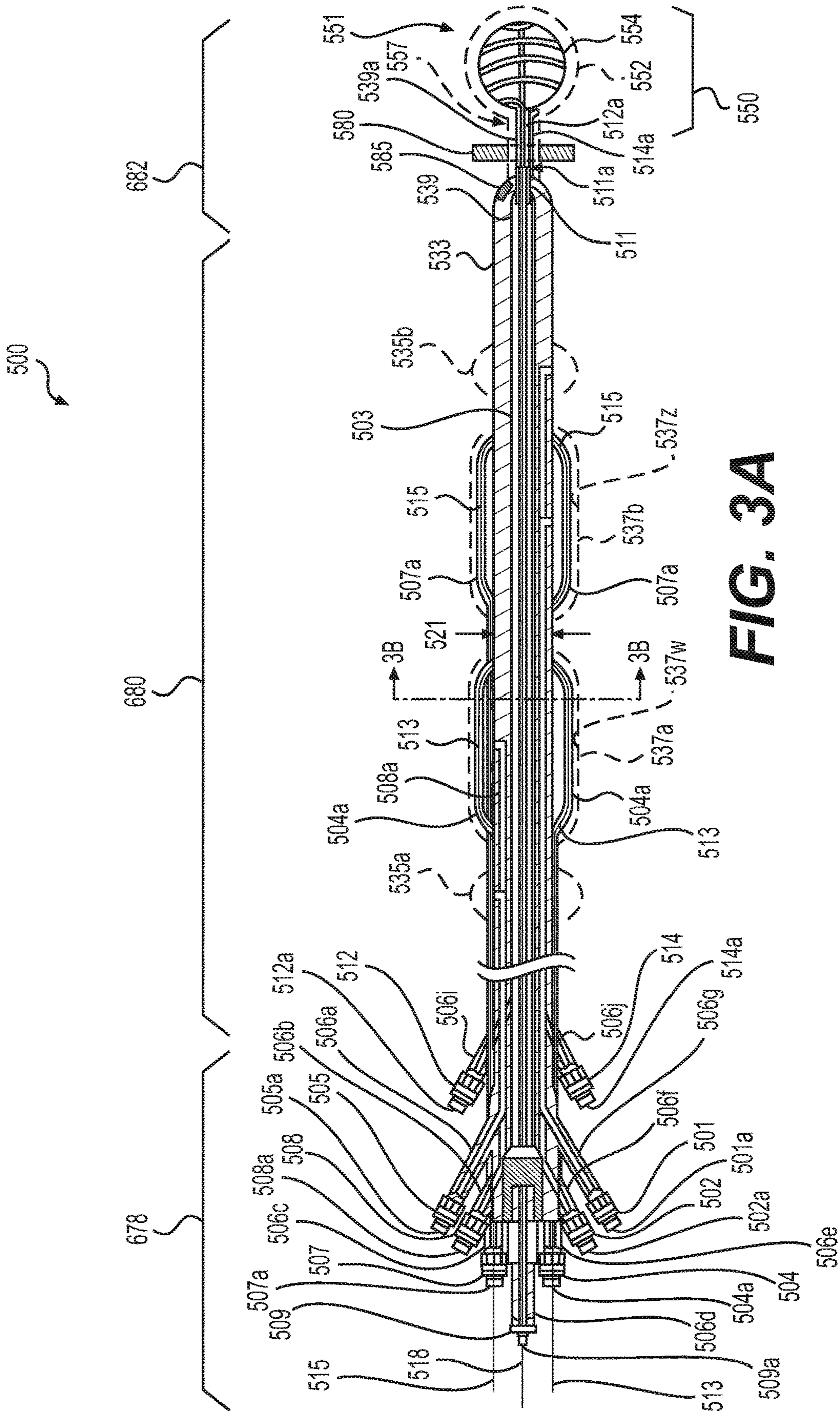
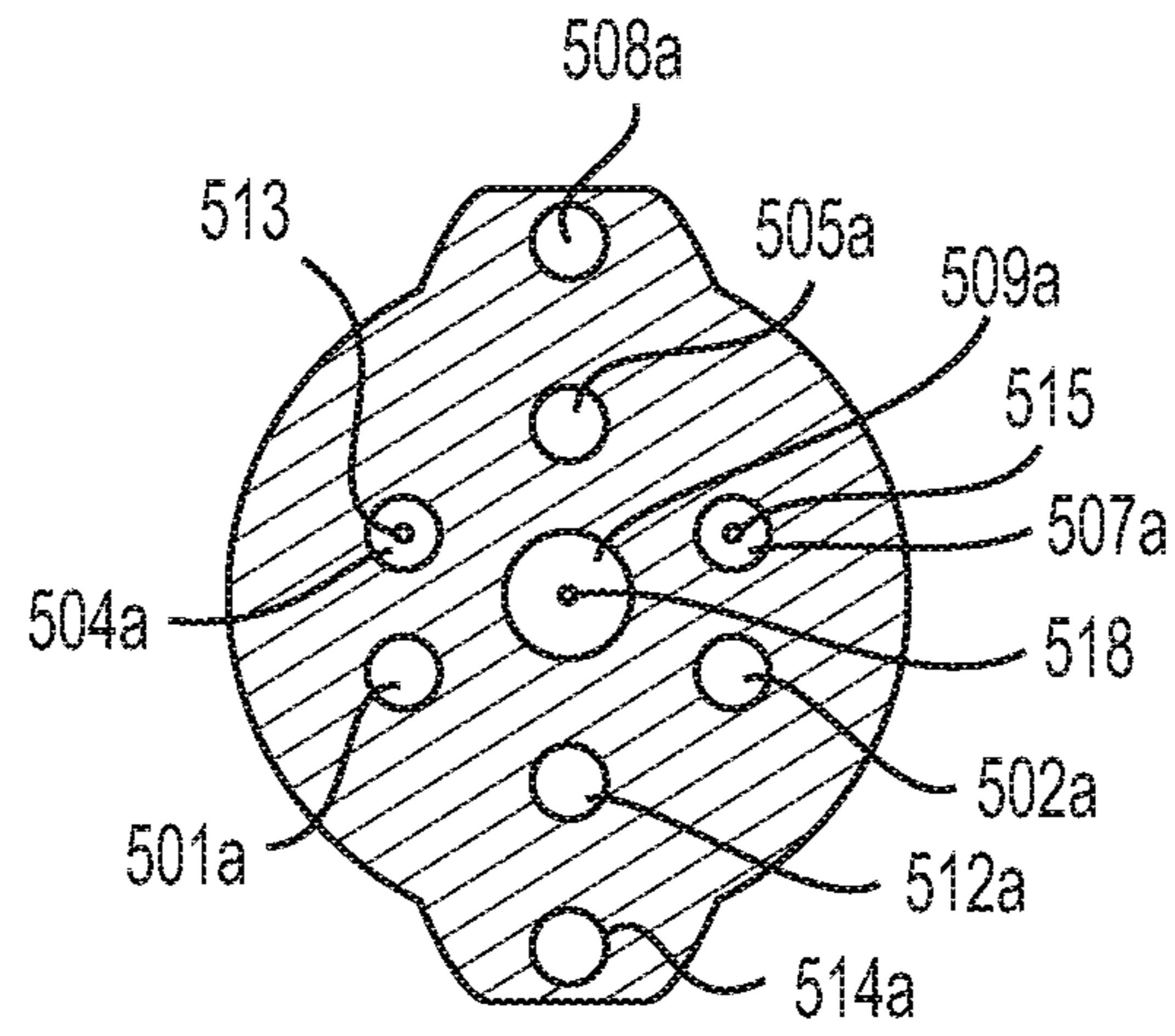
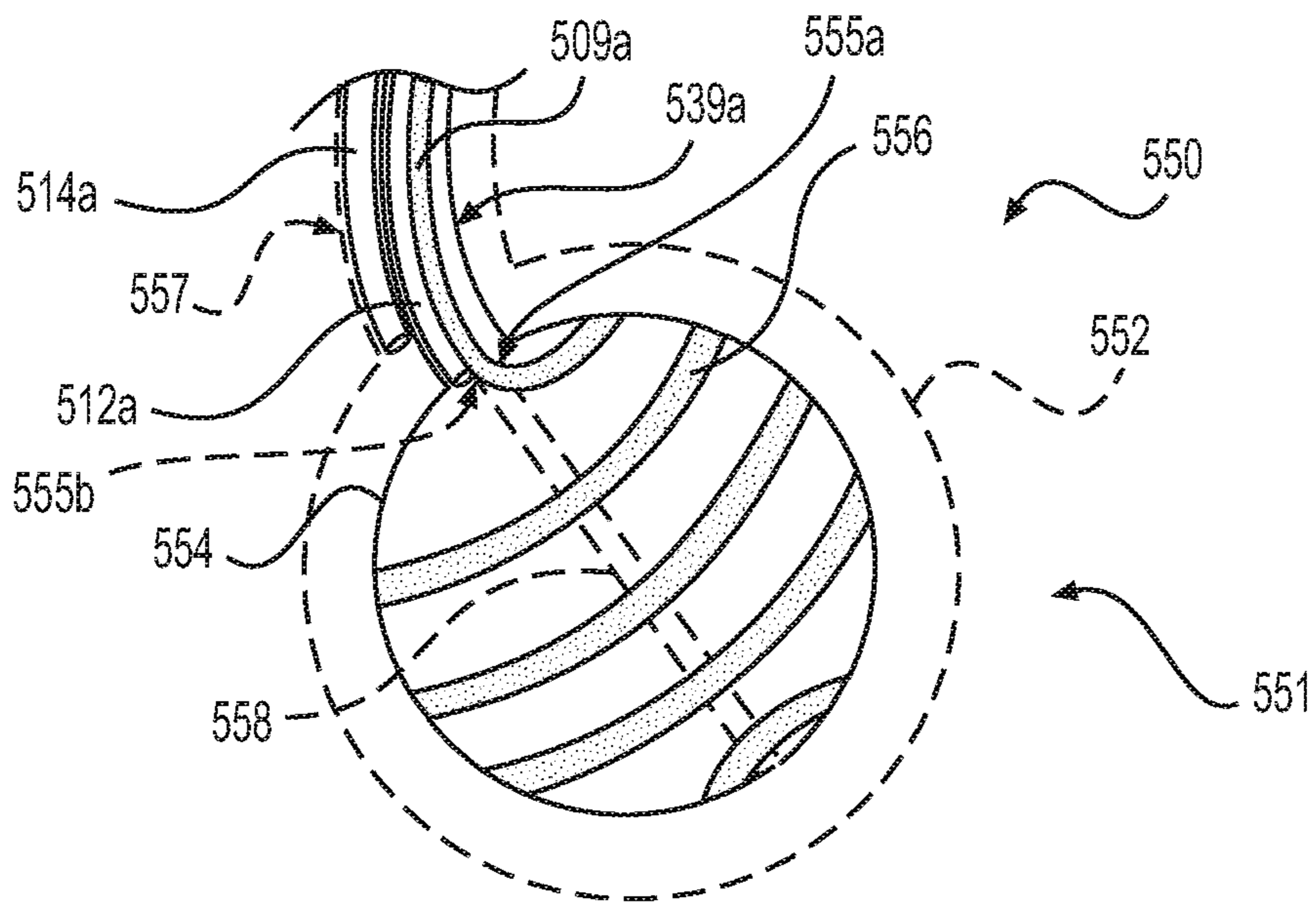


FIG. 3A





**FIG. 3B**



**FIG. 3C**

**DUAL DOUBLE BALLOON CATHETER****CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to and is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 15/293,342, filed on, Oct. 14, 2016, which is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 15/189,396, filed on, Jun. 22, 2016, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 10,406,381, which is a continuation application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/889,032, filed on Sep. 23, 2010, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 9,402,980, and U.S. patent application Ser. No. 15/293,342 also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/242,976, filed on Oct. 16, 2015, all of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The invention generally relates to the field of medical devices, and more particularly to a dual double balloon catheter for delivering a radiation dose to a patient, measuring the inter images of internal organs and removing human waste while providing an easy connection module.

**BACKGROUND**

In medicine, a catheter is a device that can be inserted into a body cavity, duct, or vessel, such as a blood vessel. This process of inserting a catheter can be referred to as a catheterization. When a catheter is left inside the body of a patient, either temporarily or permanently, this can be referred to as an indwelling catheter. Further, a permanently inserted catheter can be referred to as a “Permcath”.

By being adapted for insertion, catheters can allow for the drainage or injection of fluids. Additionally, catheters can also allow for access within a patient for surgical instruments, among other functions. In most uses, a catheter is a thin, flexible tube, which can be referred to as a “soft” catheter. In other uses, a catheter can be a larger, solid or “hard” catheter.

Incidence of esophageal and stomach cancers continue to increase globally. Often these cancer patients die without proper diagnosis and/or treatment. For localized cancers, tumors can be first shrunk with the help of a high dose rate brachytherapy device employing appropriate applicators. This can be followed by surgical, chemotherapeutic and/or biological agents for mediated targeted therapeutic procedures. The positioning and targeting of a radiation dose to a site of disease with minimal and/or no damage to normal nearby tissue can be a challenge. Therefore, it is desirable to have a catheter that can provide multiple functions and can also be positioned and targeted for delivering the radiation dose to a specific area of the patient, such as a stomach area, the prostate and the uterus, among other examples.

Thus, a dual balloon catheter addressing the aforementioned problems is desired.

**SUMMARY OF INVENTION**

A dual double balloon catheter or multiple function balloon catheter includes a catheter having a proximal end portion, a central portion and a distal end portion. The catheter further includes a plurality of lumens within the catheter, and the central portion and/or the distal end portion has a plurality of spaced apart balloons thereon as can

position and/or stabilize the catheters for treatment. The plurality of balloons can have varying sizes in relation to each other and also include lumens within or associated with the inner walls. These lumens of the balloons in the central portion and/or distal end portion can respectively contain radioactive wires or other therapeutic agents or treatment mediums for treatment of a patient or can contain an inflation medium, such as fluid mediums, such as a liquid, air or other gaseous medium, to selectively inflate and deflate the corresponding balloons. The dual double balloon catheter further includes an extraction point or an extraction opening that can remove fluids or material from a cavity, such as from an area adjacent to the cavity in the patient, and a marker placed at the tip of the catheter. The cavity for a treatment can include an esophagus, the rectum, the vagina or a surgically created cavity of a patient, for example. The plurality of inflatable balloons is also desirably configured to be positioned spaced from each other in a longitudinal direction along the length of the catheter. Also, the plurality of lumens are desirably associated with a multi-balloon inflator having a plurality of connectors or connector portions respectively associated with each of the lumens to selectively inflate or deflate one or more of the plurality of inflatable balloons independently of at least one other of the plurality of inflatable balloons, such as by an inflation medium, and to enable selectively providing a treatment medium or a contrast medium, such as a radioactive medium or therapeutic agent, to a corresponding balloon independently of at least one other inflatable balloon for a treatment, the plurality of connectors being configured to enable respectively selectively receiving or removing through corresponding ones of the plurality of lumens one or more of a liquid saline solution, a fluid medium, a gaseous medium, a contrast medium, a radioactive material or other treatment medium for a treatment. Also, the dual double balloon catheter desirably can be configured to deliver or provide a radiation treatment to the esophageal and stomach areas, such as areas having abnormal growth, while simultaneously removing fluid and material, such as tissue, from a cavity for a treatment, for example.

The catheter can also include a secondary treatment balloon positioned at the distal end portion and communicatively connected to one or more of the plurality of lumens, and at least one of the plurality of lumens is adapted to provide a medium to selectively inflate and deflate the secondary treatment balloon to selectively position and/or stabilize the secondary treatment balloon for delivery of the treatment and another of the plurality of lumens adapted to deliver a radioactive dose or a therapeutic agent for the treatment.

These and other features of the present invention will become readily apparent upon further review of the following specification and drawings.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

FIG. 1A is a longitudinal plan view of an embodiment of a dual double balloon catheter according to the present invention.

FIG. 1B is a cross-sectional view taken along the 1B-1B plane of the dual double balloon catheter of FIG. 1A according to the present invention.

FIG. 1C is an enlarged detailed view showing the various lumens and connections of the dual double balloon catheter of FIG. 1A including a balloon with a radioactive wire in a lumen according to the present invention.

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FIG. 2A is a longitudinal plan view of an embodiment of a dual double balloon catheter having balloons with a spiral lumen, which may include a radioactive wire inside a spiral lumen, according to the present invention.

FIG. 2B is a cross-sectional view taken along lines 2B-2B of FIG. 2A showing the various lumens of the dual double balloon catheter of FIG. 2A according to the present invention.

FIG. 2C is an enlarged detailed view of a side balloon having a spiral lumen with a radioactive wire inside a spiral lumen, of the dual double balloon catheter of FIG. 2A according to the present invention.

FIG. 3A is a longitudinal plan view of an embodiment of a dual double balloon catheter having a secondary treatment balloon at the distal end portion of the catheter fitted with a connector or locking mechanism, such as a luer-lock mechanism, according to the present invention.

FIG. 3B is a cross-sectional view taken along lines 3B-3B of FIG. 3A showing the various lumens of the dual double balloon catheter of FIG. 3A according to the present invention.

FIG. 3C is a detailed view of the secondary treatment balloon of the dual double balloon catheter of FIG. 3A at the distal end portion of the catheter having a spiral lumen with a radioactive wire, and indicating a second treatment lumen, according to the present invention.

Unless otherwise indicated, similar reference characters denote corresponding features consistently throughout the attached drawings.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The present disclosure relates to a dual double balloon catheter for delivering radiation, and for targeting single to multiple disease and organ sites with a dual balloon configuration. Additionally, the dual balloon catheter enables a fixing or positioning of radioactive wires in an esophagus and stomach area and other organs to deliver radiation to targeted portions of a patient. The dual balloon catheter can have a plurality of lumens for inserting radioactive wires or other therapeutic agents for treatment at the site or sites of the patient's tissue. For this purpose, the dual-purpose balloon catheter of the present invention can include at least one and desirably two or more lumens having a spiral configuration around one or more of the balloons therein extending to the distal end portion of the dual double balloon catheter. The dual double balloon catheter can additionally include a secondary treatment balloon having a spiral lumen adapted to receive a radioactive wire or other therapeutic agent at the distal position to treat tissue at the distal position of the catheter.

Referring now to the drawings in greater detail, there is illustrated in FIG. 1A an exemplary dual double balloon catheter 100 constructed according to the teachings of the invention. As illustrated in FIG. 1A, the double balloon catheter 100 includes a proximal end portion 178, a central portion 180, and a distal end portion 182. The proximal end portion 178 includes a plurality of connectors or connecting mechanisms, such as luer-lock connections, shown as luer-lock connections 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 108 and 109.

Continuing with reference to FIG. 1A, the dual double balloon catheter 100 has the central portion 180 having a tubular body 313, for example, and the distal end portion 182. The distal end portion 182 can include a marker 333 that can assist in locating the dual double balloon catheter 100, and more specifically, locating the distal end portion 182, when an image, such as an x-ray, is taken of the patient.

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The distal end portion 182 can also include a tip 311 that can provide or include an extraction opening and can be used for drawing human fluid material such as urine, pus, blood, from a cavity receiving a treatment, among other examples. The tip 311 can include or provide in association with the extraction opening of the tip 311 an inner seal that allows for a single direction of flow for removal of fluid or material from the cavity.

The dual double balloon catheter 100 is designed for multiple uses and features, for example, to deliver radiation to the esophageal and stomach areas having abnormal growth while simultaneously removing material, such as human fluid liquid, e.g., blood, urine, fat and tissue, from a cavity for treatment, if desired. Also, the dual double balloon catheter 100 has a plurality of connectors, such as male or female luer-lock connections 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 108 and 109. In greater detail, the luer-lock connection 101 has a lumen 101a associated with a neck portion 106g of the catheter 100. The luer-lock connection 102 has a lumen 102a associated with a neck portion 106f of the catheter 100. The luer-lock connection 104 has a lumen 104a associated with a neck portion 106e of the catheter 100 and a radioactive wire 113 as can be inserted inside the lumen 104a for radiation treatment. The luer-lock connection 109 has a central lumen 109a associated with a neck portion 106d of the catheter 100 and can include a radioactive wire 119 as can be inserted inside the lumen 109a for radiation treatment. The luer-lock connection 107 has a lumen 107a and can include a radioactive wire 115 inside it as can be inserted inside the lumen 107a for radiation treatment and is associated with a neck portion 106c of the dual double balloon catheter 100. The luer-lock connection 108 has a lumen 108a associated with a neck portion 106b of the catheter 100. The luer-lock connection 105 has a lumen 105a associated with a neck portion 106a of the catheter.

The dual double balloon catheter 100 also has a central main lumen 303, with the central main lumen 303 running from a proximal end of the luer-lock connection 109 to the tip 311. The central main lumen 303 can extend through the dual double balloon catheter 100 to a secondary treatment balloon positioned at the tip 311 at the distal end portion 182 of the catheter 100. Now with attention directed to the lumens 101a, 102a, 104a, 105a, 107a, 108a, and 109a, the lumen 101a is communicatively connected to a balloon 307b for inflating the balloon 307b to a predetermined size so as to position and/or stabilize the dual double balloon catheter 100. The lumen 102a is connected to a balloon 315b for inflating balloon 315b to a desired size for positioning and/or stabilizing the dual double balloon catheter 100 in a cavity for a treatment. The lumen 105a is connected to a balloon 315a for inflating balloon 315a to a desired size, and the lumen 108a is communicatively connected to a balloon 307a for inflating balloon 307a to a desired size for positioning and/or stabilizing the dual double balloon catheter 100 in a cavity for a treatment.

As shown for the balloon 307a, the radioactive treatment wire 113 can run inside the lumen 104a, which is integrally formed along or suitably attached to an inner wall 307w of the positioning and/or stabilizing balloon 307a. In an embodiment, the lumen 104a can accommodate radioactive fluid instead of a radioactive wire or other therapeutic agent for a treatment. Typically, a length 380 of the dual double balloon catheter 100 of FIG. 1A is about 78 centimeters (cm) to the tip 311 from a proximal base portion such as including the central portion 180, as indicated in FIG. 1A. However, the length 380 can be any suitable length depending on the

use or application of the dual double balloon catheter **100** and is not to be construed in a limiting sense.

Further, a diameter **321** of the dual double balloon catheter **100** of FIG. 1A is typically about 0.45 cm. However, the diameter **321** can be of any suitable value depending on the use of the dual double balloon catheter **100** and is not to be construed in a limiting sense. The typical diameter of the lumens **101a**, **102a**, **105a** and **108a** for inflating the balloons **307a**, **307b**, **315a**, and **315b**, are in the range of 0.8 mm to 1.5 mm, for example. However, the diameter of the lumens **101a**, **102a**, **105a** and **108a** can be any suitable size depending on the use of the dual double balloon catheter **100** and is not to be construed in a limiting sense. The balloons, such as the balloons **307b** and **315b**, can be positioned to be spaced apart from each other as indicated at **382** by a desired amount of by about 2.5 cm from each other. However, the spacing can be any suitable length depending on the use and application of the dual double balloon catheter **100** and is not to be construed in a limiting sense.

In embodiments, the dual double balloon catheter **100** can be made of various suitable materials such as of a polymeric material such as polyurethane, polyethylene, polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA), polycarbonate, styrenic block copolymers, polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), Teflon, Nylon or PVC, among other examples. The balloons, such as the balloons **307a**, **307b**, **315a**, and **315b**, can be made of nylon, polyurethane, Polyether block amide Pebax®, poly(ethylene terephthalate), commonly abbreviated PET or other thermoplastic elastomers, for example. Alternatively, the balloons **307a**, **307b**, **315a**, and **315b** can be uncoated or coated with a lubricant for lubrication or for antimicrobial properties. As another alternative, various therapeutic drugs can be coated onto the surface of the balloons, such as balloons **307a**, **307b**, **315a**, and **315b**, and/or coated on a surface of the catheter, for releasing a drug or other therapeutic agent, internally to a specific location of a cavity of the patient for treatment.

The dual double balloon catheter **100** of FIG. 1A has a plurality of luer-lock connections **101**, **102**, **104**, **105**, **107**, **108** and **109**, and a plurality of balloons, such as the balloons **307a**, **307b**, **315a**, and **315b**, which can be inserted into various body cavities. Examples of body cavities include the esophagus and the stomach area, but the body cavities are not limited thereto and could be inserted into any orifice such as the rectum, the vagina and a surgically created cavity for treatment. When the dual double balloon catheter **100** is used in conjunction with a patient for treatment, radioactive wires **113**, **115**, and **119**, can provide the needed radiation dose to treat a cancerous growth within the patient. Typically, a dimension of the radioactive wires **113**, **115**, and **119**, can be in a range of about 0.5 to 0.8 millimeters (mm), for example, but can depend on the particular use or application.

Desirably, the radioactive wires **113**, **115**, and **119** can be made of Iridium-192, Cobalt-60 and Yttrium-168, among other examples of suitable materials, as can depend on the use or application. A high dose rate (HDR) treatment application can be conducted with Ir-192, Au-198, I-125 and Cs-131, for example. Typically, the dose of radiation delivered is in a range of from about 1 Curie to about 10 Curies per seed. Various suitable HDR after-loaders can be used for treatment in conjunction with embodiments of catheters, such as the dual double balloon catheter **100**, such as with various suitable commercially available after-loaders as, for example, Varisource, Gamma Med and BEBIG, among other examples. For a low dose rate (LDR) delivered by embodiments of a catheter, such as the catheter **100**, Sr-90 can be used, as well as Cs-131 and Yb-168, for the radiation

source. Typically, the dose of radiation using the LDR configuration is usually on an order of about one thousand times less, i.e., in a range of about 1 milli Curie to about 10 milli Curies, for example.

An advantage of the dual double balloon catheter **100** is that it can allow for delivery of a radiation dose or other treatment agent to a specific bodily site of the patient, while at the same time or at different times removing any fluid etc., from the site of the treatment. By allowing each balloon, such as balloons **307a**, **307b**, **315a**, and **315b**, to have such an independent connection, as described, such independent connection can advantageously enable medical personnel to selectively control the size of each balloon independently to adjust the location and for positioning and/or stabilizing the catheter, such as the catheter **100**, at the treatment site. Moreover, the balloons, such as balloons **307a**, **307b**, **315a**, and **315b**, are configured in different sizes to allow for relatively better control and positioning in the body cavity for treatment. Further, the dual double balloon catheter **100** can advantageously enable delivering the radiation or other therapeutic agent along the sides of the dual double balloon catheter **100**, such as for an esophagus area of the body cavity.

Referring now to FIG. 1B, FIG. 1B shows a cross sectional view along the 1B-1B plane of the dual double balloon catheter **100** of FIG. 1A. As mentioned, the lumens **101a** and **102a** are communicatively connected with the balloons **307b** and **315b**, respectively. Additionally, the lumens **105a** and **108a** are communicatively connected to the balloons **315a** and **307a**, respectively. The lumens **104a** and **107a** are integrally connected or suitably attached to the balloons **307a** and **307b**, which can contain the radioactive wires **113** and **115**, or fluid or other therapeutic agent, for treatment. The lumen **104a** can be integrally formed along or suitably attached to the inner wall **307w** of the balloon **307a** and the lumen **107a** can be integrally formed along or suitably attached to an inner wall **307z** of the balloon **307b**, for example. The central lumen **109a** runs along the central portion **180** of the dual double balloon catheter **100** and is communicatively connected to the tip **311** in the distal end portion **182** of the catheter **100** and is adapted to include the radioactive wire **119**, or other therapeutic agent, for treatment.

Referring now to FIG. 1C, FIG. 1C shows the enlarged view of the balloon **307a**. The radioactive wire **113** passes inside the lumen **104a** along a side of the balloon **307a**. The lumen **108a** is communicatively connected with the balloon **307a** for inflating or deflating it to the desired size. The lumen **109a** is positioned within the central main lumen **303**, as indicated. A diameter **321** of the dual double balloon catheter **100** of FIG. 1A is typically about 0.45 cm. However, the diameter **321** can be of any suitable value depending on the use of the dual double balloon catheter **100** and is not to be construed in a limiting sense. Additionally, the dual-balloon inflators, such as pumps or syringes, as can be part of a multi-balloon inflator associated with the proximal end portion of the catheter, are respectively associated with the lumens **101a** and **108a** that selectively inflate the balloons **307a** and **307b** as can contain fluid, such as air or any other liquid for inflation of the balloons **307a** and **307b**. In some embodiments, the balloons **307a** and **307b** can contain contrast agents, such as for imaging, for example.

There is illustrated in FIG. 2A an exemplary embodiment of a dual double balloon catheter **200** constructed according to the teachings of the invention. The dual double balloon catheter **200** includes a proximal end portion **278** having a plurality of connectors or locking mechanisms, such as

luer-locks, a central portion **280**, such as having a tubular body **413**, and a distal end portion **282** having a marker **402**, such as an X-ray positioning marker, and a tip **411** that can provide or include an extraction opening that can be used for drawing human fluid material such as urine, semen, pus, blood, fat cells, malignant tissue, etc. from a cavity for or in conjunction with a treatment. The tip **411** can include or provide in association with the extraction opening of the tip **411** an inner seal that allows for a single direction of flow for removal of fluid or material from the cavity.

The dual double balloon catheter **200** is designed for multiple uses and features as, for example, to deliver radiation or other therapeutic agent to bodily or surgically created cavities or organs, such as the esophageal and stomach areas having abnormal cancerous growth and tumors, while at a same time or at different times removing human material, such as fluid liquid, e.g., blood, urine, fat and tissue, in conjunction with a treatment, if desired.

The dual double balloon catheter **200** has a plurality of male or female luer-lock connections for selectively introducing into lumens of the catheter treatment or inflation mediums. For example, a luer-lock connection **211** having a lumen **211a** associated with a neck portion **206i** of the catheter **200** as can deliver an inflation medium through the lumen **211a** to selectively inflate a secondary treatment balloon **427** positioned at the distal end portion **282** of the catheter **200**. A luer-lock connection **201** having a lumen **201a** associated with a neck portion **206g** as can deliver an inflation medium through the lumen **201a** to selectively inflate the balloon **415a**. A luer-lock connection **202** having a lumen **202a** associated with a neck portion **206h** of the catheter **200** can deliver an inflation medium through the lumen **202a** to selectively inflate the balloon **407a**.

A luer-lock connection **204** having a lumen **204a** associated with a neck portion **206e** of the catheter **200** can be adapted to include in the lumen **204a** a radioactive wire **215** or other therapeutic agent inside it as can be inserted inside the lumen **204a** for radiation or other therapeutic treatment associated with the balloon **407a**. The lumen **204a** can be integrally formed along or suitably attached to an inner wall **407w** of the balloon **407a**, for example. A luer lock connection **209** having a lumen **209a** associated with a neck portion **206d** can be adapted to include in the lumen **209a** a radioactive wire **219** as can be inserted inside the lumen **209a** for radiation treatment, such as within the balloon **427** located at the tip **411** of the catheter **200**, or the lumen **209a**, when not associated with a balloon, can be used to remove, such as by suction, fluids or other material from a cavity, for example.

A luer-lock connection **207** having a lumen **207a** associated with a neck portion **206c** of the catheter can be adapted to include a radioactive wire **213** or other therapeutic agent as can be inserted inside the lumen **207a** for radiation or other therapeutic treatment associated with a balloon **407b**. The lumen **207a** can be integrally formed along or suitably attached to an inner wall **407z** of the balloon **407b**, for example. A luer-lock connection **208** having a lumen **208a** associated with a neck portion **206b** of the catheter **200** can deliver an inflation medium through the lumen **208a** to selectively inflate the balloon **407b**. A luer-lock connection **205** having a lumen **205a** associated with a neck portion **206a** of the catheter **200** can deliver an inflation medium through the lumen **205a** to selectively inflate a balloon **415b**.

FIG. 2B shows the cross sectional view along the 2B-2B plane of the catheter **200** of FIG. 2A. The peripheral lumens **201a** and **211a** are communicatively connected with the balloons **415a** and **427**, respectively. Additionally, the

peripheral lumens lumen **205a** and **208a** are communicatively connected to the balloons **415b** and **407b**, respectively. The peripheral lumens **204a** and **207a** are integrally connected to or suitably attached to the balloons **407a** and **407b**, which can contain the radioactive wire or fluid or other therapeutic agent for treatment. The peripheral lumen **202a** is communicatively connected to the balloon **407a**. The central lumen **209a** runs along the central portion **280** of the catheter **200** in a central main lumen **403** and is communicatively connected to the tip **411**.

FIG. 2C shows an enlarged view of the balloon **407b** of the catheter **200** of FIG. 2A. The radioactive wire **213** passes inside the lumen **207a** along the side of the balloon **407b** in a generally spiral pattern or configuration. The lumen **208a** is communicatively connected with the balloon **407b** for selectively inflating and deflating it to the desired size by a suitable inflation medium. The central main lumen **403** is indicated having the lumen **209a** positioned within, as indicated. The diameter **421** of the catheter **200** of FIG. 2A is typically 0.45 cm. However, the diameter **421** can be of any suitable value depending on the use of the catheter **200** and is not to be construed in a limiting sense.

Referring now to FIG. 3A, there is illustrated an embodiment of an exemplary dual double balloon catheter **500** constructed according to the teachings of the invention. The catheter **500** includes a proximal end portion **678** having a plurality of luer-locks, a central portion **680** including a tubular body **533** and a distal end portion **682** having positioned thereon a secondary treatment balloon **551** having one or more of a spiral lumen or a longitudinal lumen containing a corresponding radioactive treatment wire or other therapeutic agent.

The dual double balloon catheter **500** and its associated components are similar in construction to the catheter **100** of FIG. 1A, such as in relation to the structure and arrangement of the corresponding balloons and corresponding lumens, but includes the addition of a secondary treatment balloon assembly **550** including a secondary treatment balloon **551**. The catheter **500** can include a marker **585**, such as an x-ray marker, located in the area of a tip **511** of the catheter **500** located in the distal end portion **682** thereof to indicate a location of the catheter **500**, and more particularly, a location of the distal end portion **682** of the catheter **500**, for example, the tip **511** can also provide or include an extraction opening to enable removal or fluid or material from a cavity which the catheter is positioned in the cavity for a treatment. The tip **511** can include or provide in association with the extraction opening of the tip **511** an inner seal that allows for a single direction of flow for removal of fluid or material from the cavity. The balloons of the catheter **500** can contain fluid, such as air or any other liquid, for inflation of the balloon. In some embodiments, the balloons of the catheter **500** can contain contrast agents for imaging, for example.

The dual double balloon catheter **500** of FIG. 3A can have various multiple uses and features, for example, to deliver radiation to the esophageal and stomach areas having abnormal cancerous growth and tumors, while at a same time or at different times can remove material, such as human fluid liquid, e.g., blood, urine, pus, fat and tissue, as part of or in conjunction with a treatment, if desired.

The dual double balloon catheter **500** has suitable connectors or locking mechanisms, such as can be male or female luer-lock connections, for example. The catheter **500** of FIG. 3A additionally includes the secondary treatment balloon assembly **550** including the secondary treatment balloon **551** to treat the stomach area with higher doses of

radiation and to target certain tumors, which will be described in greater detail in relation to FIG. 3C.

In the catheter **500**, for example, a luer-lock connection **514** having lumen **514a** a neck portion **506j** of the catheter **500** is adapted to selectively inflate and deflate an outer secondary treatment balloon **552** of the secondary treatment balloon **551**. A luer-lock connection **512** having a lumen **512a** associated with a neck portion **506i** of the catheter **500** is adapted to selectively inflate and deflate an inner secondary treatment balloon **554** of the secondary treatment balloon **551**. A luer-lock connection **501** having a lumen **501a** associated with a neck portion **506g** of the catheter **500** is adapted to selectively inflate and deflate a balloon **537b**.

A luer-lock connection **502** having a lumen **502a** associated with a neck portion **506f** of the catheter **500** is adapted to selectively inflate and deflate a balloon **535b**. A luer lock connection **504** having a lumen **504a** associated with a neck portion **506e** of the catheter **500** can be adapted to include in the lumen **504a** a radioactive wire **513** or other therapeutic agent inside it as can be inserted inside the lumen **504a** for radiation or other therapeutic treatment associated with a balloon **537a**. The lumen **504a** can be integrally formed along or suitably attached to an inner wall **537w** of the balloon **537a**, for example. A luer-lock connection **509** having a lumen **509a** associated with a neck portion **506d** can be adapted to include in the lumen **509a** a radioactive wire **518** or other therapeutic agent inside it as can be inserted inside the lumen **509a** for radiation or other therapeutic treatment associated with the secondary treatment balloon **551**.

A luer-lock connection **507** having a lumen **507a** associated with a neck portion **506c** as can be adapted to include in the lumen **507a** a radioactive wire **515** or other therapeutic agent inside it as can be inserted inside the lumen **507a** for radiation or other therapeutic treatment associated with the treatment balloon **537b**. The lumen **507a** can be integrally formed along or suitably attached to an inner wall **537z** of the balloon **537b**, for example. A luer-lock connection **508** having a lumen **508a** associated with a neck portion **506b** of the catheter **500** is adapted to selectively inflate the balloon **537a**. A luer-lock connection **505** having a lumen **505a** associated with a neck portion **506a** of the catheter **500** is adapted to selectively inflate and deflate the balloon **535a**. The central lumen **509a** can extend through the tip **511** of the catheter **500** to the inner secondary treatment balloon **554**.

FIG. 3B shows the cross sectional view along the 3B-3B plane of the catheter **500** of FIG. 3A to illustrate an arrangement of the lumens **501a**, **502a**, **504a**, **505a**, **507a**, **508a**, **509a**, **512a** and **514a**. The peripheral lumens **501a** and **502a** are communicatively connected with the balloons **537b** and **535b**, respectively. Additionally, the peripheral lumens **505a** and **508a** are communicatively connected to the balloons **535a** and **537a**, respectively. The peripheral lumens **504a** and **507a** are integrally connected to or suitably attached to the balloons **537a** and **537b**, respectively, which run along the inner walls thereof and which can contain the radioactive wires **513** and **515** or a radioactive fluid or a radioactive material for a treatment. The central lumen **509a** runs along the central portion **680** of the catheter **500** within a central main lumen **539** and is communicatively connected to the tip **511**. The peripheral lumens **514a** and **512a** are respectively communicatively connected to the outer secondary treatment balloon **552** and the inner secondary treatment balloon **554** of the secondary treatment balloon **551** to respectively inflate and deflate these balloons with a fluid medium.

Referring now to FIG. 3C, there is shown an enlarged view of the secondary treatment balloon assembly **550**

including the secondary treatment balloon **551** including the outer secondary treatment balloon **552** and the inner secondary treatment balloon **554**. The outer secondary treatment balloon **552** and the inner secondary treatment balloon **554** can contain fluid, such as air or any other suitable liquid, for inflation of the balloon. In some embodiments, the outer secondary treatment balloon **552** and the inner secondary treatment balloon **554** can contain contrast agents for imaging, for example. The radioactive wire or radioactive fluid can pass around the spiral or longitudinal shaped lumens of the secondary treatment balloon **551** for delivering the radiation or other therapeutic agent for a treatment at the chosen site.

Referring to FIGS. 3A and 3C, in the embodiment of the catheter **500**, the secondary treatment balloon assembly **550** can be integrally formed with or affixed to or otherwise positioned in conjunction with the catheter **500**, such as by a suitable glue or adhesive, for example, as indicated at an attachment area **511a**. The secondary treatment balloon assembly **550** includes the secondary treatment balloon **551** that includes the outer secondary treatment balloon **552** and the inner secondary treatment balloon **554**.

The outer secondary treatment balloon **552** and the inner secondary treatment balloon **554** can be selectively inflated and deflated to be positioned in a body cavity or a surgically created cavity to be treated, for example. The lumen **512a** communicatively connects with the inner secondary treatment balloon **554** and the lumen **514a** communicatively connects with the outer secondary treatment balloon **552** to respectively selectively inflate and deflate the inner secondary treatment balloon **554** and the outer secondary treatment balloon **552** to position and/or stabilize the secondary treatment balloon **551** in a body cavity or surgically created cavity to be treated. Similarly, the lumens **512a** and **514a** can receive a fluid medium, as previously described, such as saline solution or a gaseous medium, such as by a syringe or other suitable delivery mechanism, such as a pump, to selectively inflate and deflate the inner secondary treatment balloon **554** and the outer secondary treatment balloon **552**, to provide a corresponding balloon shape, size and configuration in the body cavity for the treatment, for example.

The secondary treatment balloon **551** has at least one or both of a first secondary treatment lumen **556** and a second secondary treatment lumen **558**, the second secondary treatment lumen **558** being optionally indicated in FIG. 3C by dashed lines. The first secondary treatment lumen **556** can be integrally formed with or affixed to or otherwise positioned in conjunction with the inner secondary treatment balloon **554**, such as by a suitable glue or adhesive, for example. The first secondary treatment lumen **556** is desirably of a generally spiral type configuration, for example, as illustrated in FIGS. 3A and 3C. The first secondary treatment lumen **556** can be positioned either on an interior surface or on an exterior surface of the inner secondary treatment balloon **554**, for example, but desirably is placed on an interior surface portion thereof.

The first secondary treatment lumen **556** is communicatively connected to the central lumen **509a** by a connector or connector portion **539a** and by a connector **555a**, as can extend into a neck area **557** of the secondary treatment balloon assembly **550**, or can be integrally formed therewith, to deliver a radioactive dose or other therapeutic treatment agent through the central lumen **509a**, through the connector or connector portions **539a**, **555a** and through the first secondary treatment lumen **556** to a treatment site in a cavity, such as by insertion of the radioactive wire **518** or providing a therapeutic agent through the central lumen

**509a**, the connectors **539a** and **555a** and the first secondary treatment lumen **556**, for example.

In the inner secondary treatment balloon **554**, the second secondary treatment lumen **558** can be integrally formed with or affixed to or otherwise positioned in conjunction with the inner secondary treatment balloon **554**, such as by a suitable glue or adhesive, for example. The second secondary treatment lumen **558** is communicatively connected to the central lumen **509a** by the connector or connector portion **539a** and by a connector **555b** to deliver a radioactive dose or other therapeutic treatment through the central lumen **509a**, through the connector or connector portions **539a**, **555b** to a treatment site in a cavity, such as by insertion of the radioactive wire **518** or providing a therapeutic agent through the central lumen **509a**, the connectors or connector portions **539a**, **555b** and through the second secondary treatment lumen **558**, for example.

As discussed, the second secondary treatment lumen **558** is communicatively connected to the central lumen **509a** by the connector or connector portions **539a**, **555b**, and can also be integrally formed therewith, to deliver a radioactive dose or other therapeutic treatment agent through the central lumen **509a**, the connectors or connector portions **539a**, **555b** and through the second secondary treatment lumen **558** to a treatment site in a cavity, such as by insertion of the radioactive wire **518** or providing a therapeutic agent through the central lumen **509a**, the connectors or connector portions **539a**, **555b** and the second secondary treatment lumen **558**, for example. The second secondary treatment lumen **558** is desirably formed in an interior portion of the inner secondary treatment balloon **554** desirably extending in a generally longitudinal direction in a generally central portion of the inner secondary treatment balloon **554**, for example.

Continuing with reference to FIGS. **3A** and **3C**, in the secondary treatment balloon assembly **550** there can be included a connector or locking mechanism **580**, such as a suitable luer lock, that can include suitable male or female connectors to selectively connect the secondary treatment balloon assembly **550** to the catheter **500** in the attachment area **511a**. The connector or locking mechanism **580** or a portion thereof can be integrally formed with or suitably connected with the distal end portion **682** of the catheter **500** at the attachment area **511a**, such as with a suitable glue or adhesive, for example. Also, the connector or locking mechanism **580** or a portion thereof can be integrally formed with or suitably connected with the proximal end of the neck area **557** of the secondary treatment balloon assembly **550**, such as with a suitable glue or adhesive. Such connector or locking mechanism **580** can assist in enabling attaching or exchanging with the catheter **500** various sizes and configurations of the secondary treatment balloon assembly **550** to facilitate treatment and treatment options, for example.

Also, in the secondary balloon assembly **550**, the lumens **509a**, **512a** and **514a** can also be extended through the neck area **557** by one or more a suitable connector lumens, as can be integrally formed or joined therewith by a suitable process or method, to respectively communicate with the inner secondary treatment balloon **554**, the outer secondary treatment balloon **552**, the first secondary treatment lumen **556** and the second secondary treatment lumen **558**, as described.

In various embodiments, the catheters, such as the catheters **100**, **200** and **500**, as described, can be made of a polymeric material, such as polyurethane, polyethylene, polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA), polycarbonate, styrenic block copolymers, polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), Tef-

lon, Nylon, PVC, etc., or other suitable materials. The balloons of embodiments of catheters, such as of the catheters **100**, **200** and **500**, can be made of nylon, polyurethane, Polyether block amide Pebax®, poly(ethylene terephthalate), commonly abbreviated PET or other thermoplastic elastomers or other suitable materials, for example.

While various embodiments of inflatable balloons of embodiments of the multi-purpose balloon catheters described herein have been associated with a single circular treatment lumen or a single treatment lumen, or associated with first and second treatment lumens, positioned in association with a distal inflatable balloon of the catheter, embodiments of distal inflatable balloons for delivery of treatment should not be construed as so limited. In this regard, a distal inflatable balloon for treatment can include a relatively large number of treatment lumens associated with a corresponding distal inflatable balloon, such as can include one to fifteen treatment lumens associated with or attached to a distal inflatable balloon, desirably attached to or associated with an inner wall or inner surface of the balloon or attached to or associated with an inner balloon of a distal inflatable balloon, for example.

Such multiple treatment lumens associated with a distal treatment balloon can be selectively used for delivery of a plurality of treatments, procedures, or other therapeutic purposes, such as for delivery of radiation therapy, delivery of contrast agents for imaging or mapping a location, delivery of various therapeutic agents, etc. for example, using a single distal balloon associated with a catheter, similar to those described herein. For example, a distal inflatable balloon associated with a catheter for treatment or a related procedure desirably can include five such treatment lumens, such as one treatment lumen being positioned at a center of an inner treatment balloon and four treatment lumens positioned in association with the periphery of the inner treatment balloon, such as of the distal inflatable balloon, for example.

Also, in various catheter embodiments, one or more of the balloons of the catheters can be uncoated or coated with a lubricant for lubrication for ease of insertion or for antimicrobial properties. Also, in various catheter embodiments, various therapeutic drugs or therapeutic agents can be coated onto or formed into the surface of one or more of the balloons and/or all or a part of the catheter body for releasing drug(s) or therapeutic agent(s) internally to a specific location of the cavity for or in conjunction with a treatment.

It is to be understood that the present invention is not limited to the embodiments described above, but encompasses any and all embodiments within the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A multi-balloon catheter, comprising:

the catheter having a proximal end portion, a central portion and a non-branching distal end portion;

a plurality of lumens positioned in association with the catheter extending from the proximal end portion of the catheter;

a central main lumen extending coaxially along the central portion towards the distal end portion;

one of the plurality of lumens being a central lumen coaxially disposed within the central main lumen and extending from the proximal end portion to the distal end portion;

a plurality of inflatable balloons positioned in association with the central portion of the catheter, the plurality of inflatable balloons being in communication with respective ones of at least the remainder of the plurality

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of lumens and configured to enable filling the plurality of inflatable balloons with an inflation medium to enable selectively inflating and deflating at least one of the plurality of inflatable balloons independently of at least one of the remainder of the plurality of inflatable balloons to selectively position and/or stabilize the catheter in a cavity for a treatment, at least one of the plurality of inflatable balloons including at least one corresponding lumen of the plurality of lumens configured to respectively receive a treatment medium or a contrast medium for the treatment, each of the plurality of inflatable balloons being spaced in a longitudinal direction along a length of the catheter in a non-overlapping contiguous arrangement on a common longitudinal axis of the catheter; and

a secondary treatment balloon communicatively associated with the distal end portion of the catheter via a connector and being in communication with the central lumen, the central lumen being configured to receive and selectively provide the secondary treatment balloon with at least one of the treatment medium or the contrast medium for the treatment,

wherein the distal end portion of the catheter has a tip at a distal end, the secondary treatment balloon surrounding the tip or disposed past the tip,

wherein the central lumen extends through the tip of the catheter to the secondary treatment balloon via the connector to deliver the at least one of the treatment medium or the contrast medium through the central lumen and through the connector to the secondary treatment balloon for the treatment, and

wherein the secondary treatment balloon comprises one or more of at least one first secondary treatment lumen and at least one second secondary treatment lumen to facilitate delivery of the at least one of the treatment medium or the contrast medium, and the at least one second secondary treatment lumen extends generally longitudinally into the secondary treatment balloon.

2. The multi-balloon catheter according to claim 1, wherein:

each first secondary treatment lumen is positioned in association with a periphery of the secondary treatment balloon, each first secondary treatment lumen is respectively communicatively connected with the central lumen and is configured to receive and selectively provide the secondary treatment balloon with the at least one of the treatment medium or the contrast medium for the treatment, and

each second secondary treatment lumen is positioned in an interior central portion of the secondary treatment balloon, each second secondary treatment lumen is respectively communicatively connected with the central lumen and is configured to receive and selectively provide the secondary treatment balloon with the at least one of the treatment medium or the contrast medium for the treatment.

3. The multi-balloon catheter according to claim 2, wherein:

the at least one said first secondary treatment lumen has a generally spiral configuration.

4. The multi-balloon catheter according to claim 1, wherein the secondary treatment balloon comprises:

an outer secondary treatment balloon being in communication with at least one of the remainder of the plurality of lumens to enable selective inflation or deflation of the outer secondary treatment balloon and facilitate

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selective positioning and/or stabilizing of the secondary treatment balloon for the treatment; and

an inner secondary treatment balloon being in communication with at least one of the remainder of the plurality of lumens and the central lumen and being configured to receive and selectively provide the inner secondary treatment balloon with at least one of the treatment medium or the contrast medium for the treatment or enable selective inflation or deflation of the inner secondary treatment balloon for the treatment.

5. The multi-balloon catheter according to claim 4, wherein:

each first secondary treatment lumen is positioned in association with a periphery of the inner secondary treatment balloon, each first secondary treatment lumen is respectively communicatively connected with the central lumen and is configured to receive and selectively provide the inner secondary treatment balloon with the at least one of the treatment medium or the contrast medium for the treatment, and

each second secondary treatment lumen is positioned in an interior central portion of the inner secondary treatment balloon, each second secondary treatment lumen is respectively communicatively connected with the central lumen and is configured to receive and selectively provide the inner secondary treatment balloon with the at least one of the treatment medium or the contrast medium for the treatment.

6. The multi-balloon catheter according to claim 5, wherein:

the at least one said first secondary treatment lumen has a generally spiral configuration.

7. The multi-balloon catheter according to claim 1, wherein:

the treatment medium comprises a radioactive material.

8. The multi-balloon catheter according to claim 7, wherein:

the radioactive material comprises a radioactive wire, a radioactive seed or a radioactive isotope in a medium.

9. The multi-balloon catheter according to claim 8, wherein:

the radioactive wire or the radioactive seed comprises a material selected from the group consisting of Ir-192, Au-198, I-125, Yb-168, Sr-90 and Cs-131.

10. The multi-balloon catheter according to claim 9, wherein:

the radioactive wire or the radioactive seed delivers a dose of radiation from 1 Curie to 10 Curies.

11. The multi-balloon catheter according to claim 1, wherein:

the cavity for the treatment is a body cavity or a surgically created cavity.

12. The multi-balloon catheter of claim 1, wherein:

the multi-balloon catheter is configured to enable delivering a radiation treatment to a stomach area.

13. The multi-balloon catheter of claim 1, wherein:

the catheter comprises a polymeric material selected from the group consisting of polyurethane, polyethylene, polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA), polycarbonate, styrenic block copolymers, polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), Teflon, Nylon or PVC.

14. The multi-balloon catheter of claim 1, wherein:

the plurality of inflatable balloons or the secondary treatment balloon comprise a material selected from the group consisting of nylon, polyurethane, polyether block amide, polyethylene terephthalate or combinations thereof.



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15. The multi-balloon catheter of claim 1, wherein:  
 at least one of the plurality of inflatable balloons, the  
 secondary treatment balloon or at least a portion of the  
 catheter are coated with a medicinal agent configured to  
 enable releasing the medicinal agent internally to a site  
 of a body cavity for or associated with the treatment. 5

16. A multi-balloon catheter, comprising:  
 the catheter having a proximal end portion, a central  
 portion and a non-branching distal end portion;  
 a plurality of lumens associated with the catheter extend- 10  
 ing from the proximal end portion of the catheter;  
 a central main lumen extending coaxially along the cen-  
 tral portion towards the distal end portion;  
 one of the plurality of lumens being a central lumen  
 coaxially disposed within the central main lumen and 15  
 extending from the proximal end portion to the distal  
 end portion;  
 a plurality of inflatable balloons associated with the  
 central portion of the catheter, the plurality of inflatable  
 balloons each being configured to be filled with an 20  
 inflation medium to enable selectively inflating and  
 deflating of at least one of the plurality of inflatable  
 balloons independently of at least one of the remainder  
 of the plurality of inflatable balloons to selectively 25  
 position and/or stabilize the catheter in a cavity for a  
 treatment, at least one of the plurality of inflatable  
 balloons further including at least one corresponding  
 lumen of the plurality of lumens configured to respec-  
 tively receive a treatment medium or a contrast medium 30  
 for the treatment, each of the plurality of inflatable  
 balloons being arranged in a longitudinal direction  
 along a length of the catheter in a non-overlapping  
 contiguous arrangement on a common longitudinal axis  
 of the catheter;  
 a secondary treatment balloon communicatively associ- 35  
 ated with the distal end portion of the catheter via a  
 connector and being in communication with the central  
 lumen, the central lumen being configured to receive  
 and selectively provide the secondary treatment bal- 40  
 loon with at least one of the treatment medium or the  
 contrast medium for the treatment,  
 wherein the distal end portion of the catheter has a tip at  
 a distal end, the secondary treatment balloon surround-  
 ing the tip or disposed past the tip,  
 wherein the central lumen extends through the tip of the 45  
 catheter to the secondary treatment balloon via the  
 connector to deliver the at least one of the treatment  
 medium or the contrast medium through the central  
 lumen and through the connector to the secondary  
 treatment balloon for the treatment, 50  
 wherein the secondary treatment balloon comprises one or  
 more of at least one first secondary treatment lumen  
 having a generally spiral configuration and at least one  
 second secondary treatment lumen, the at least one  
 second secondary treatment lumen extending generally 55  
 longitudinally in an interior central portion of the  
 secondary treatment balloon, each first secondary treat-  
 ment lumen and each second secondary treatment  
 lumen respectively communicating with a correspond-  
 ing one of the plurality of lumens to facilitate delivery 60  
 of the at least one of the treatment medium or the  
 contrast medium; and  
 a multi-balloon inflator having a plurality of connectors  
 respectively associated with the plurality of lumens, the  
 plurality of connectors being configured to selectively 65  
 inflate or deflate the plurality of inflatable balloons and  
 the secondary treatment balloon and to selectively

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provide one or more of the plurality of inflatable  
 balloons and the secondary treatment balloon with the  
 treatment medium or the contrast medium for the  
 treatment.

17. A treatment balloon for a catheter, comprising:  
 a secondary treatment balloon configured to be commu-  
 nicatively associated with a distal end portion of a  
 catheter, the distal end portion of the catheter having a  
 tip at a distal end, the secondary treatment balloon  
 surrounding the tip or disposed past the tip, the sec-  
 ondary treatment balloon configured to be in commu-  
 nication with at least one corresponding lumen of one  
 or more lumens associated with the catheter, the at least  
 one corresponding lumen of the one or more lumens  
 associated with the catheter being configured to respec-  
 tively receive and selectively provide to the secondary  
 treatment balloon at least one of a treatment medium or  
 a contrast medium for a treatment or enable selective  
 inflation or deflation of the secondary treatment balloon  
 to selectively position and/or stabilize the secondary  
 treatment balloon for the treatment;  
 at least one secondary treatment lumen positioned in  
 association with the secondary treatment balloon, each  
 secondary treatment lumen configured to be respec-  
 tively communicatively connected with a respective  
 said corresponding lumen of the one or more lumens  
 associated with the catheter and being configured to  
 respectively receive and selectively provide the sec-  
 ondary treatment balloon with at least one of the  
 treatment medium or the contrast medium for the  
 treatment;  
 a connector for selectively connecting the secondary  
 treatment balloon to the catheter to deliver the at least  
 one of the treatment medium or the contrast medium  
 through the connector to the secondary treatment bal-  
 loon for the treatment;  
 wherein the secondary treatment balloon comprises:  
 an outer secondary treatment balloon; and  
 an inner secondary treatment balloon;  
 wherein the at least one secondary treatment lumen com-  
 prises:  
 at least one first secondary treatment lumen having a  
 generally spiral configuration; and  
 at least one second secondary treatment lumen extending  
 generally longitudinally into the secondary treatment  
 balloon;  
 wherein each first secondary treatment lumen is posi-  
 tioned in association with a periphery of the inner  
 secondary treatment balloon, each first secondary treat-  
 ment lumen is configured to be respectively commu-  
 nicatively connected with at least one respective said  
 corresponding lumen of the one or more lumens asso-  
 ciated with the catheter and is configured to receive and  
 selectively provide the inner secondary treatment bal-  
 loon with the at least one of the treatment medium or  
 the contrast medium for the treatment; and  
 wherein each second secondary treatment lumen is posi-  
 tioned inside the inner secondary treatment balloon,  
 each second secondary treatment lumen is configured  
 to be respectively communicatively connected with at  
 least one respective said corresponding lumen of the  
 one or more lumens associated with the catheter and is  
 configured to receive and selectively provide the inner  
 secondary treatment balloon with the at least one of the  
 treatment medium or the contrast medium for the  
 treatment.

18. The treatment balloon for the catheter according to claim 17, wherein:

the at least one said second secondary treatment lumen extends generally longitudinally in an interior central portion of the inner secondary treatment balloon. 5

19. The treatment balloon for the catheter according to claim 17, wherein:

the outer secondary treatment balloon is configured to be in communication with at least one respective said corresponding lumen of the one or more lumens associated with the catheter to enable selective inflation or deflation of the outer secondary treatment balloon and facilitate selective positioning and/or stabilizing of the secondary treatment balloon for the treatment, and 10

the inner secondary treatment balloon is configured to be in communication with at least one respective said corresponding lumen of the one or more lumens associated with the catheter to respectively receive and selectively provide the inner secondary treatment balloon with at least one of the treatment medium or the contrast medium for the treatment or enable selective inflation or deflation of the inner secondary treatment balloon for the treatment. 15 20

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